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ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>HB0210</u>

#### ENROLLED ACT NO. 87, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the collection agency board; amending the number of members of the collection agency board as specified; specifying composition of board members; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; requiring appointments as specified; and providing for effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

**Section 1.** W.S. 33-11-103(a) and (b) and 33-11-105(a) are amended to read:

## 33-11-103. Collection agency board created; membership; appointment; term; qualifications; chairman.

The collection agency board is created. The board (a) shall consist of three (3) five (5) members appointed by the governor. One (1) member shall be an attorney-at-law who is actively engaged in collection work. One (1) Two (2) members shall be an officer, partner, owner or resident manager officers, partners, owners or resident managers of a-licensed collection agencies but not from the same or affiliated collection agency, and who is are not an attorney at law attorneys-at-law. One (1) member shall be a member of the public at large who is neither an attorney-at-law nor affiliated with a collection agency, but who is or has been a user of credit or collection services. <del>Commencing in 1993,</del> One (1) member shall be an officer, partner or owner of a grantor of credit operating in the state that engages or has engaged the services of a Wyoming licensed collection agency. Members of the board shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Members of the board and shall serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

(b) No person shall be appointed as a member of the board who has not been a bona fide resident of the state of

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Wyoming for at least five (5) years immediately prior to his appointment. The attorney and the officer, partner, owner or resident manager officers, partners, owners or resident managers of a the collection agency agencies shall have been engaged in the collection business within the state of Wyoming for a period of five (5) years immediately prior to appointment. The member of the public at large shall have at least five (5) years experience as a user of credit or collection services.

# 33-11-105. Powers and duties of collection agency board.

(a) The board shall assist and advise the chairman, who shall have charge of the administration of this act. All applications for licenses under this act shall be referred by the chairman to the board for consideration. The board shall investigate the qualifications of the applicant. If the board applicant fails the finds the to meet required qualifications, the board shall reject the application; otherwise the application shall be approved and a license issued granted on payment of license fees and filing of a bond as required by this act.

**Section 2.** Appointed members currently serving on the collection agency board may continue to serve on the board, as modified by this act, until the expiration of their terms under W.S. 33-11-103(a).

**Section 3.** The governor shall appoint the two (2) additional members to the collection agency board as provided in W.S. 33-11-103(a) as amended by section 1 of this act not later than July 1, 2019.

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Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2019.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk